

# GEORGIA ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLE INCENTIVES AND LAWS



Georgia is the proud home of the Atlanta Clean Cities Coalition.

## ***Overview***

The state of Georgia does not offer incentives for private sector alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs). The Division of Energy Resources offers a grants program and a zero interest revolving loan program to public entities in Georgia to fund AFV conversions and purchases. In addition, Atlanta Gas Light Company offers a cash rebate for part of the conversion costs or incremental purchase costs of a natural gas vehicle (NGV), based on a sliding scale.

## ***Highlights***

\$ Atlanta Gas Light Company offers cash rebates for part of the conversion costs, or for the incremental cost of purchasing an NGV

## ***State Incentives***

The Division of Energy Resources of the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority has developed a zero interest revolving loan program to fund the incremental cost between conventionally and alternatively fueled vehicles for public entities. The program has been funded through the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program and oil overcharge funds. The Metropolitan Atlanta non-attainment area is given priority for funding. The revolving loan program is administered in tandem with two lease/loan programs available to counties and cities in Georgia and which are administered by the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia and the Georgia Municipal Association.

The Division of Energy Resources also has a grants program for public entities converting vehicles to alternative fuels. Funding for the program is made available through oil overcharge case settlements.

The Division of Energy Resources has produced a directory of all compressed natural gas (CNG) outlets open for public access. A similar directory for propane is in production and should be completed in early 1996.

For more information, contact Elizabeth Robertson, Program Manager for the Clean Fuels Programs, at (404) 656-5176.

## ***Utility/Private Incentives***

\$ **Atlanta Gas Light Company (AGLC)** offers incentives for purchasing new NGVs or converting existing vehicles to run on natural gas through the Energy Wise Natural Gas Vehicle Program. To help with costs of converting existing vehicles, AGLC will lease NGV tanks for \$1 per year. For buses, AGLC offers conversion financing or up to a 50% cash rebate on the purchase of the NGV option on a new bus. For commercial fleets, AGLC offers cash rebates to be applied to the incremental cost of the NGV for purchasing an original equipment manufacturer (OEM) vehicle. AGLC also provides financing for the cost of converting a vehicle to natural gas. If customers use recommended CNG storage tanks, AGLC will bear the costs of any required testing and re-certification.

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### *Utility/Private Incentives (cont.)*

The Energy Wise Natural Gas Vehicle Program for private vehicles includes:

- A cash rebate for part of the conversion costs, or for the incremental cost of the NGV for the purchase of an OEM vehicle, based on a sliding scale of average annual miles driven.
- Financing of the remaining NGV conversion costs.
- A \$1 lease of a home refueling appliance for customers who live and work more than 8 miles from an existing or proposed CNG public refueling station.

AGLC has a special rate, the V-52 rate, for selling natural gas as a motor vehicle fuel. AGLC can build a refueling station at a customer's site for no up-front cost. The cost of the refueling equipment can be billed as a monthly facilities charge. If the customer commits to a sufficient annual fuel use, the monthly facilities charge may be waived.

For additional information on AGLC's Energy Wise Natural Gas Vehicle Program, or the special V-52 rate, contact David Godfrey at (404) 584-3827.

**Georgia Power** provides technical assistance to fleets considering using electric vehicles (EVs) and provides incentives on a case-by-case basis. Georgia Power, working with the General Motors Drive Program, provides a toll-free assistance number, and is installing EV chargers in the homes of 50 to 60 customers. For more information, contact Laurie Swift, Manager of Electric Transportation, at (404) 526-7858.

### *Laws & Regulations*

Propane sold in bulk is exempt from a 4.5¢/gallon excise tax when sold to a consumer distributor.

Georgia will be lowering its low pressure vapor requirement to 7.0 psi (down from 7.8) for the first time during the summer months from June 1 to September 15 in order to reduce evaporative emissions.

The Environmental Protection Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources has issued guidelines to ensure that 75% of state operated vehicles will run on alternative fuels by the year 2000.

A 1992 law removes authority from the Public Service Commission to regulate the sale of CNG to the public for use as a motor fuel.

A 1993 law provides for an additional fee for a permit to dispense CNG as a vehicle fuel. CNG used for vehicular fuel is subject to a \$100 fee to the Fire Commissioner.

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